

Important Difference

It's Your Country

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EDITORIALS

Our Greatest Year

Torrance is on the threshold of one of its greatest years. The new year, which is just old enough to sit up alone today, can be one of the most progressive years for the booming city—but the strength and quality of that progress must depend on a sound program of controlled development and growth.

To this end, The Torrance HERALD believes that now is the time to formulate the plans which will guide the development of the city during the coming year.

One of the first and most important projects for city officials, civic leaders, businessmen, and service organizations is the unification of the city in the minds of its thousands of residents. The HERALD is inaugurating a policy to do this in this regard by dropping the area designations which have kept the city grouped into isolated communities. Henceforth areas of the city will be referred to as southwest Torrance, central Torrance, north Torrance, or west Torrance—not by such designations as Seaside Ranchos, Hollywood Rivera, Kettler Knolls, and other appellations given the areas by their subdividers. The HERALD will also campaign to have all Torrance residents receive their mail at a Torrance address.

In connection with the unification of Torrance, a program of advertising the city to prospective industrial, business, and commercial developers should be a city-wide function with every official and quasi-official body of the community working to sell all of Torrance to prospective firms.

A good way to influence any prospective developer with the desirability of locating in Torrance would be to inaugurate a clean-up, paint-up campaign which would embrace all sections of the city beginning with each of its many entrances. The city's gateways should be dressed up and adequate, properly designed signs erected which would identify the area as Torrance. This should be a city function, not something delegated to the Chamber of Commerce.

Perhaps a "City Beautiful" committee named by the city Council could be of assistance in coordinating a clean-up program. The cooperation of homeowners and commercial and industrial property owners will be needed for such a task.

During 1955 there should be a constant effort made to improve the downtown business district, to encourage progressive merchandising, metropolitan customer services, and continued expansion of the customer parking facilities. Parking has become the life or death factor of a business district. Much has been accomplished along this line in 1954, but much more can be done in the year just started.

Torrance has just about reached the saturation point in the construction of bedrooms. Serious consideration should now be given to the development of residential areas which will attract the cream of Southern California business and civic leaders. There are adequate areas suitable to such development and their potential value to the city as an attraction for the suburban dweller should not be choked off with a-ave-to-ave cracker-boxes. The easiest way of achieving such a goal might be to overhaul the land use plan to such an extent that suitable areas could be set aside for homes with larger minimum square footage than is required at present.

All in all, 1955 could be the city's greatest year. This newspaper believes that it will be a great year at any rate, and it could be much better if planned properly.

Trash Fee Needed

Some time ago, the City Council discussed a recommendation from the City Manager's office that commercial firms having great quantities of trash be picked up in the city be charged a fee to help defray the costs of such service.

At present, larger establishments with loads of boxes and other trash each day receive the same service and at the same price—free—as the average homeowner who gets his trash picked up once a week.

This is a free service which need not be offered, and a service which businesses can hardly expect at no cost. The Council should make this one of its early 1955 projects.



OF ALL THINGS

By Robert B. Martin

Looks like we're right smack in the middle of another "pick-on-the-President" era. Happens to 'em all.

If Herbert Hoover had caused just a quarter of the calamities he was blamed for, he would have needed a jet squadron to get around.

FDR took a worse pasting than Mussolini. Commentators had a field day on Harry Truman, and when they ran out of ammunition, a couple aimed their copy pencils at his daughter . . . and Harry, much to his credit as far as this writer is concerned, talked back in language they could understand.

Now it's Eisenhower. We point to the communist menace and talk about the need for unity. It's not an election year . . . so why rush to undermine the people's faith in the President of the United States?

Constructive Ideas In time of war, American men have been willing to sacrifice themselves for their nation. Now, in time of peace, we should at least be willing to offer constructive ideas . . . thoughts aimed at preserving our peace and prosperity.

These we can give entirely without thought of recompense . . . they can be picked-over and sorted, and the best of them can be used to the good of our land.

It's easy for a fellow to sit down at a typewriter and hurl names at a high public official. What if that same fellow was invited to speak his piece on a face-to-face basis? Ah . . . he'd think twice, wouldn't he?

Went through Miami George Washington went through the mill. He was called a traitor, a

robber and a perjurer by James T. Callender, who is described as an English political refugee "and scandal-monger."

Later on, Thomas Jefferson was accused of having paid Callender to say that!

Callender wrote for the Richmond (Va.) Examiner. He even got to be editor . . . for a few months.

Jefferson, while campaigning for office, was given a rather grim write-up in the New England Palladium.

"Should the Infidel Jefferson be elected to the Presidency, the seal of death is that moment set on our holy religion, our churches will be prostrated . . ."

Mr. Jefferson was elected, and the churches did not fall.

Rath In Press In spite of the beating he took from the Fourth Estate, Jefferson retained his faith in the press.

"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter," Jefferson said.

Our many, many Presidents have had their failings . . . and our leading writers and sporters have cried and yammered and bullied them . . . in print. But America has prospered. Yes, it's quite possible that the reading public is just a little more judicious than is commonly thought.

Thank goodness. Carol, Dolly, Edna and Hazel . . . the four beauties that exploded over portions of the eastern United States and Canada, caused upwards of a billion dollars in damage, ac-

ording to a report given to our Operative WB by the various insurance companies footing the bills. WB said that Lloyds of London alone has been stuck for \$112,000,000.

"Aside from hurricanes, who but women could run up so swiftly, and so spectacularly, bills so huge?" asked WB.

Say what in the world's happening to American songwriters? Can't they produce any more? Scan the average juke box, and what do you see: "Sikikian," "Vini Vidi Vici," "Hajji Baba," "Vaya Con Dios."

Those we can't pronounce, much less sing. But then along comes "Marbo Italiano," "April in Portugal," "The Hottentot!" and . . . oh, Crosby crooning "Christmas in Killarney."

Well fine and dandy, we did find two American songs. Namely "Op Shoop" and "Sh Boom."

While making a political speech at Ft. Scott, Kan., last November, Republican Vice-President Richard Nixon was flanked by a six-man honor guard. He may not have known it at the time, but all six were registered Democrats!

You know, of course, that Bing Crosby's going to get hit with another Academy Award, don't you? Or haven't you heard of his latest picture, "The Country Girl"?

The only all-girl newspaper we ever heard about has just been sold. It was operated by an eight-woman staff in Glendale, Tex.

Decline of the Republic

WHAT'S AHEAD?: As the bells ring out the old year and ring in the new, one anxious question is foremost in the mind of every thinking American: what's ahead for 1955? A variety of answers will be given as the nation's columnists and commentators assume their role of once-a-year prophets.

There is the confidence of the Progressive Moderates in Washington, or the progressive communists and socialists in Moscow, Paris, London, New Delhi, and Peking, have their own crystal ball. The rest can't predict the future only by the known indicators of the past and present.

Certainly we need to know where we are going; but in order to make an intelligent guess at our destination we need to know where we have been, where we are at present, and in what direction we are headed.

Since 1933, when the late Franklin D. Roosevelt scuttled the Democratic platform on which he was elected and found a way to crack the Constitution, we have made uninterrupted progress toward a socialist dictatorship.

SAME END: There is not space here to list all of the activities that have led to the destruction of constitutional government and the decline of this Republic. The basic ailment of the New Dealers, Fair Dealers, and Progressive Moderates in their philosophy, policies, and objectives can be illustrated by a few of the major actions which have been perpetrated during the past 22 years.

In 1933 the nation's chief executive persuaded the U. S. stamp Congress to grant him the power to control money. The gold standard was immediately abandoned and the people's money was confiscated. In handing over its constitutional power to control money, the Congress automatically handed over the people's power to control their government.

A system of fiat, or counterfeit, currency was instituted and thus began the wild orgy of unlimited deficit spending by the central government, with no brake in the hands of the people to stop the destruction of their rights, their incomes, and their savings. This dishonest, unconstitutional, and un-American monetary system has been implemented and continued by each successive administration, to include the present one, with no relief in sight.

ENTER THE ENEMY: In 1933 diplomatic recognition was given the Soviet Union. This action threw open our doors to Communist spies and subversives who were quick to infiltrate our government, spread their propaganda throughout our nation, and deliver our most vital military secrets to our enemy. Such recognition could have been withdrawn at any time; but it is significant to note that in the face of repeated insults, assaults, and injuries it has been firmly continued, with special insistence by the present leader of the Progressive Moderates.

In 1941 the President, who professed to hate war, maneuvered us into the holocaust of World War II. In 1945 the same President, with the advice of Alger Hiss and General George C. Marshall, entered into the Yalta agreement which sealed the doom of free China. The secret details of Yalta have neither been divulged nor denounced by the Progressive Moderates.

In 1945 our Senate ratified the United Nations Charter under which we surrendered our

sovereignty. As ardent adherents to the UN, the Progressive Moderates are conducting much of our nation's business in conformity with the UN Charter instead of the Constitution of the United States.

In 1945-46 General George C. Marshall, mutually idolized by the Dealers and the Progressive Moderates, accomplished his mission to China which resulted in the Communist aggression in Korea.

UN WAR: In 1950, without action by Congress, American forces were committed to a UN atomate war. In 1953 the Progressive Moderates negotiated an appeasement truce under UN direction. Since then, they have submitted to six known violations of that truce.

In 1953, the Progressive Moderates secured ratification of the NATO Status of Forces agreement denying protection of the Constitution to American servicemen on duty in foreign countries, and in 1954 they defeated an amendment designed to prevent treaties and executive agreements from overriding the Constitution of the United States.

Throughout 1953-54 the Progressive Moderates implemented and extended socialistic and dictatorial policies of the New Deal administration. They continued the program of devaluing the dollar, deficit spending, and lavish foreign aid. They continued the encroachment of the executive upon the powers and prerogatives of the Congress and upon the rights of states and individuals. They lifted restrictions on trade with our enemies and turned their backs on American servicemen and civilians illegally imprisoned in Communist countries.

COURSE OF HISTORY: As other nations have done before us, we have neglected to guard our liberty. We have abandoned principles for expediency; we have sold our birthright for a mess of pottage. We have sacrificed our Constitution, which is the instrument of our liberty, to the whims and ambitions of New Dealers, Fair Dealers, and Progressive Moderates, all so alike that even now, as we cross the threshold into 1955, there is serious talk of the nomination of Mr. Eisenhower on both party tickets in 1956.

Thus do constitutional republics decline and die.

Moderate Appeasement "EQUALLY GUILTY": The "Progressive moderates" who are running our nation's business under the direction, supervision, and approval of Eisenhower have displayed extraordinary moderation along certain lines. For example, they have been so excessively moderate in their efforts to eliminate the evils with which, in 1952, they so bitterly charged their predecessors that all except one of those ten charges have been leveled today—against these new, self-styled progressive moderates.

Great moderation has also been displayed in the fulfillment of pledges made to the American electorate in the 1952 Republican platform, particularly in the matter of foreign policy, of which the progressive moderates said, "The supreme goal of our foreign policy will be an honorable and just peace."

They should have explained that they meant only moderately honorable and just. In that light the appeasement truce in Korea would have been more understandable though just as shocking; and the subsequent abandonment of captured American servicemen and civilians could have been rationalized on the same grounds though it would have been just as appalling to the American people.

DESTRUCTIVE TREATIES: In promising to "see to it that no treaty or agreement with other countries deprives our citizens of the rights guaranteed them by the Federal Constitution," the progressive moderates should have explained that here, too, they meant to apply moderation and that they had in mind only a few, or perhaps none, of the rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

In this respect it is to be noted that the United Nations Charter, to which the progressive moderates are so ardently devoted, is a treaty which contains the power to nullify practically all of our constitutional rights. Another example is the NATO Status of Forces agreement under which American servicemen on duty in foreign countries are denied the protection of the Constitution if they are arrested for, or even accused of, an offense. The policy of the progressive moderates toward both the Chinese and the Russian Communists has been so moderate as to permit the Korean

truce to be broken six times with no more than a gentle chiding for the violators. Certainly it requires great moderation to continue diplomatic recognition of, drink toasts to, and carry on trade with an aggressor government which openly proposes our destruction, shoots down our peaceful planes, imprisons our citizens, and dares us to take any steps for our own protection. To offer to share our atomic materials with such a government, as our progressive moderates have done, required even greater moderation.

INTO THE FIRE: From the previous policy of "containment" of Communism, so vigorously assailed in 1952, our progressive moderates have progressed to a policy of "prevention" which moderation is the keynote they declare that we must be patient with the Communists and never be provocative or truculent over such matters as the shooting down of American planes and the illegal imprisonment of American servicemen and civilians. Statements made by the progressive moderates two years ago on the general subject of Communism are very interesting when examined today. In 1952 they accused the previous administration of appeasement and laxity, and charged: "It raised the false cry of 'red herring' and took other measures to block and discredit investigations. It denied files and information to Congress . . . We will overhaul loyalty and security programs. In achievement, a Republican President will cooperate with Congress."

THE DIFFERENCE: Instead of talking about red herrings, our progressive moderates talked about "book burners" and "character assassins." In taking measures to block and discredit investigations they were extremely moderate; they merely instigated repeated investigations, harassments, and finally condemnation of the Senate's chief investigator of Communism. Communist moderation of files and information to Congress was clearly demonstrated during the McCarthy-Army hearings, especially when it became necessary to issue an executive order to enforce the denial of such files and information.

They were particularly moderate in their overhaul of loyalty and security programs, so moderate, indeed, that they permitted the promotion and a honorable discharge of a Fifth Amendment Communist. They prepared the appearance of a security board before a Senate investigating committee, and relieved the commander of a defense installation when he cooperated with that investigating committee.

OBJECTIVE ATTAINED: The Republican President who would cooperate with Congress in exposing Communism and eliminating it from the Government displayed remarkable moderation in such cooperation. This was clearly demonstrated by his consistently antagonistic attitude toward the chairman of a Senate committee authorized to investigate Communism in government and defense installations, by the issuance of his secrecy order concerning files and information, and finally by his public praise of the censure committee chairman for having done a very splendid job in securing senatorial condemnation of the Senate's chief investigator of Communism.

If moderation is combating Communism, both at home and abroad, is one of the objectives of the progressive moderates, then obviously they have attained that objective.

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IT'S A FACT

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Advertisement for 'The Electric Chair' featuring a portrait of a man and text: 'THE "FIRST" MAN OF THE MOVIES! COMMODORE JACKIE STARBUCK BLAZER (1871-1911) CREATED THE FIRST ANIMATED CARTOON. FIRST NEWS REEL PICKUP. FIRST MOVIE STRIP. FIRST CLASS INK-BLIND SMOKE. FIRST 1000-FOOT FEATURE. FIRST LARGE PICTURE CAMERA (MAGNIFYING FIRST DEGREE OF PROGRESS). FIRST FILM - 'THE MANGRINE, AND FIRST COMPLETE DOMESTIC COLOR FILM. HE 'DISCOVERED' MAURICE CHESTNUT, FLORA FINCH, MARIE NORMAND, CORINNE GRIFFITH, NORMA AND CONSTANCE TULLOCH, BEBE DOLAN, LARRY SIMON, OLIVER HARDY, RICHIE VALENTINO, ETC. HE WAS PIONEERING IN 'FRANKENSTEIN PHOTOGRAPHY' AT HIS DEATH.'

OUT OF THE PAST

30 YEARS AGO January, 1925 City planners were rejoicing over the city's large building permit total for the year—\$1,092,260 . . . A \$20,235 damage suit was filed against a local construction company by the parents of a small girl who was killed when she fell into an open lime pit . . . L. V. Babcock was named commander of the Bert S. Crossland American Legion Post . . . Postal receipts for 1924 reached \$26,367 . . . A Christmas cantata, "The Angels' Choir," presented by the First Methodist, Episcopal and Central Evangelical churches, was termed "a great success" . . . 20 YEARS AGO January, 1935 City planners were not rejoicing over the city's depression-hit building permit total for the year—\$188,807. Largest permit taken during the year was for \$98,000 worth of work in renovating Torrance High School . . . The Board of Supervisors gave a green light to announced plans of the Sunset Oil Co. to build a refinery at Figueroa and East Rd. . . Physicians in the area announced plans for a benefit ball to raise funds for Torrance Memorial Hospital . . . Postal receipts during 1934 totaled \$26,810 . . . Officials were seeking to get a submarine base for Redondo Beach harbor . . . Turning present water rates "unreasonable," the State Railroad Commission allowed a 50 per cent hike in Harbor City water rates. . . 10 YEARS AGO January, 1945 City planners considered the \$676,830 building permit figure for 1944 fair, considering the effect of the war on construction . . . The City Planning Commission announced that the logical ways for the city's expansion were southwest and northwest . . . Plans were being made for post-war improvement projects in various parts of the city . . . Torrance might be able to acquire the airport properties from the government during the war. At the same time, the War Department indicated it was considering naming the field for Lt. Louis Zamperini, famed runner then in a Japanese prison camp.

LAW IN ACTION SUPERIOR COURTS Our superior courts have the most varied work of any of our courts. They have authority to try every type of case, except those few which the Legislature has set aside for a justice or municipal court. In counties where there are no municipal courts, the superior courts hear suits that involve more than \$500. In counties with a municipal court, the superior court will not hear actions unless the sum sought exceeds \$3,000. Most actions which ask for something other than money belong to the superior courts. Examples: divorce suits, a suit to make a correction in a written contract, or to end the contract, or to make a person perform as he promised, or for an injunction. Superior courts try people accused of felonies. Felonies are crimes for which the court may send a person to state prison. Sometimes the punishment is in the county jail. But until the judge imposes a jail sentence, such crimes are regarded as felonies and so are tried in a superior court. We find "courts" not on our list. Take "Juvenile Court." The juvenile court is but a superior court which works under the juvenile court act. The children's courts of jurisdiction are superior courts that work on certain family problems. So, too, our probate courts are our superior courts when they deal with the wills and estates of deceased persons. Our superior courts may also issue and hold hearings under special writs of habeas corpus, mandate, prohibition, and review. These writs provide ways to get the court to do or not to do some special thing. When you ask for a writ of habeas corpus, you are asking the court to release a person whom you believe to be unlawfully held in custody. You would seek writs of mandate, prohibition, and review to have the court compel governmental officers or state agencies to do something they have unlawfully refused to do or to keep them from doing something they may not legally do. NOTE: The State Bar of California offers this column for your information so that you may know more about how to act under our laws.